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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
DANIEL BENIGNI, ET AL.
APPLICATION NO: **10/668032**
FILED: **09/22/2003**

ART UNIT: **1651**
EXAMINER: **LILLING, HERBERT J**

FOR: **METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION, ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION
OF EPOTHILONE B, AND X-RAY CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF EPOTHILONE B**

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 18, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 14-19, and 48-50 are allowed.

Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected. Applicants request reconsideration of claims 12 and 13 in view of the submitted statement.